

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2008

PRESENT

Chief Martin Fuller for Chief Daryl McNutt
Rich Ellett
Brian Dotson
Chief Richard Helminski
James Fenn
Chad Premo
Rob Martin

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire
Maumee Fire – LS7
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Springfield Twp. Fire – LS 10
Flower Hospital Trauma
ProMedica
Life Flight

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Gary Orlow
Brent Parquette
Al Moenter

Emergency Services Director
EMS Manager
QI/QA
Annex Supervisor

ABSENT

Starr Stockton
Gina Shubeta
Tim Treadaway
Robert Kendrick

Sherry Watson
Jodi Livecchi

Matt Homik
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Mark Briggs
Chief Charles Flack

Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire – LS3
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS5
Sylvania Twp. Fire – LS6
Nurse Manager – Flower EC
Springfield Twp – LS10
Oregon Fire – LS 8
Monclova Twp. Fire
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Ottawa Hills
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Call to Order

Chief Fuller called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from September 8, 2008 meeting were available for review. Minutes were approved as printed.

Training & QA

Comments from the September CE were made available for review. Some of the comments were discussed for clarification.

Brent reported the CE slated for October has been moved to December. December's CE will cover the web portion of the EPCR. This will let the paramedics ship the open call to a desktop to finish. Brent reported this will help Dr. Lindstrom and himself to QA runs and e-mail back and forth to the paramedic to make changes and/or communicate to the paramedic about the report. Training on the King Airway will also be given. Also there will be chart review to identify areas where there are missing pieces. Brent explained paramedics are missing areas in the report where they can just use the drop down menus. Brent explained the teaching of the use of the EPCR was done through CE and Train the Trainer and not everybody was trained the same level and there are areas that were missed.

Brent reported the schedule for 2009 is out, not all the topics are listed but the dates, times and shifts are listed. ACLS retrain is scheduled for September and will be the only eight (8) hour session for the year.

Chief Fuller asked about documenting prior to arrival treatment and the time stamp. Brent explained that using the "PTA" function should allow a call to be closed out without the problem of documenting on intervention or assessment within the time frame of patient contact. Brent stated he would check on that software function to see if it's working properly.

Chief Helminski reported Springfield Fire will be going to electronic run reporting and asked about the ability to install and use it on the MDT. He is researching vendors and asked those in attendance their thoughts on the Zoll product. Chief Fuller reported Life Flight uses EMS Charts and reported the positives along with the Zoll product. Brent reported there are new products out there since the County purchased Zoll.

Rich Ellett asked if the County has received any complaints from any of the hospitals because the life squads don't always leave a patient report. Brent reported he has not received any.

Old Business

Medical Line Item Bid – Chief Helminski asked where EMS was in regards to the Line Item Bid. Gary Orlow reported the Line Item Bid has been developed and sent to Purchasing Department.

Chief Fuller asked if the dial up PEEP valve had been added citing the advantages for COPD patients. It was reported no it has not been added.

Phillips – Chief Helminski asked about the progress regarding the progress of the Phillips 12 Lead data transmission. Dennis reported the Phillips representative will be here on October 23rd. It is moving forward and making progress. Brent reported the Phillips rep's intent is to visit all those departments that have a Phillips device to program monitors for 12-lead data transmission.

And make sure our end is up and running the way it should be.

800 Radios – Al reported starting this week the front line life squads will be pulled in for the radios and computers to be installed. The process will take 2 days.

Chief Fuller asked if it was possible in the 800 radios for those departments with life squads be able to have LCMED and their respective department be in the same zone with LCMED being the priority channel so they can scan both. Dennis reported the departments were given a radio for EMS and the department provides a radio to communicate with their fire department. The intent is not to be used for both.

Dennis reported the mapping function is in the new computer, which integrates with CAD. The CAD screen is the priority and mapping is secondary. Map Point updates are every couple of years. Dennis reported they do have an issue with group functioning in that it doesn't work.

Rich Ellett reported there is a request for the portable radios to be able to incorporate a beep when keying up the mic. It was reported it was requested by police not to have that function, but it can be programmed in.

Chief Fuller asked where the County was in regards to Air Med 1 & 2 is at on the radios. Dennis reported it is being worked on.

New Business

Brent reported while in the process of protocol revision the protocols and working inventory of the Med Boxes there is a duplication of medications between the two boxes and EMS is throwing a lot of medications away due to lack of usage and they become expired. Brent asked if the paramedics need a Med Box 2. Also, to look at the ALS Responder Box because there is waste as well. Is there a need to have a full complement of medications in the boxes?

Rich Ellett reported LS7 doesn't use the extra med box. Chief Fuller reported Whitehouse Fire mirrors what the life squad uses.

Dennis reported there was an estimated \$22,000 wasted in expired products. The drug with the biggest wasted was Glucagon of \$12,000.00 a year. Could there be less carried, currently there is six. Other items to think about are the ET tubes, Lidocaine and Lopressor.

Page out – Rich Ellett asked is it necessary to be paged out after 20 minutes. They know when the 20 minutes is up and Dispatch can call them if there is another run. Gary Orlow reported Toledo Fire requested Dispatch to page out their paramedics. Dennis reported he will take this to the Policy Board.

Open Discussion

Brent reported that he and Dr. Lindstrom will be presenting our ResQGARD data at the NAEMS conference in January. Kudos to us as a system because the military will be moving forward with the ResQGARD implementation using our system outcome data

Brent reported on his trip to Minnesota. He reported Advanced Circulatory Systems and Dr. Lurie wants our system to trial the ITPR (intra thoracic pressure regulator). A vacuum is attached to the ITD which in the exhalation phase vacuums out the chest. The ITD is FDA approved. A discussion of the new equipment ensued.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, **November 10th** at 9:00 a.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.